
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2027

Fiscal Services Division

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Soil Conservation and Water Quality Cost Share Program

Purpose and History

The Iowa Soil Conservation and Water Quality Cost Share Program provides financial assistance to Soil Conservation and Water Quality Conservation districts with the intent to protect land from and control soil erosion. There are 100 districts that implement the Program and distribute funds around Iowa. Each county has a Soil Conservation and Water Quality Conservation district, with the exception of Pottawattamie County, where there are two districts.

Soil Conservation and Water Quality Conservation districts are legal subdivisions of State government and are responsible for carrying out State law and programs within district boundaries that include:

- Sediment control.
- Conservation cost-sharing.
- Conservation revolving loan funds.
- Water quality protection projects.
- Resource Enhancement and Protection projects.

Funding History

The Soil and Water Conservation Cost Share Program is funded with money from the Environment First Fund (EFF). Annual funding for the past five years has ranged from \$6.7 to \$8.3 million.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [161A](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [27—10](#)

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More Information

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality:

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